[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same?

(2) Are the Government aware that for the safety of a busy town like Alleppey, night duty of the police is indispensable?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (1) (*a* above.

(2) That is a matter of opinion.

Need for a special Town Police Station at Alleppey.

33. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that Alleppey has developed in such a way as to require a special town police station as at Quilon?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Police Station at Alleppey may be said, from its area, to be a town station. The rural area around Alleppey is in Ambalapuzha limits. The Commissioner of Police says that the question of increasing the staff or minimising the jurisdiction of these stations is under consideration.

Bridges across the Hanumannadi at Ayikudi and Samburvadakarai.

34. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the bridge work across the Hanumannadi at Ayikudi and Samburvadakarai has been completed or is still going on; and

(*b*) if the work is still continuing, how far it has progressed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Estimates have not been sanctioned for the work.

Loss caused to Punja cultivators due to untimely rains in 1104.

35. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any report has been prepared and submitted by the Land Revenue Commissioner about the loss caused to the *punja* cultivators of the Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks due to the untimely rains in 1104;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the orders passed on the same; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken by them on the suggestions made by the non-official members at the discussion on the adjournment motion moved on the 21st Karkatakam 1104 to alleviate the sufferings of the agriculturists?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An interim report was received from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

(*b*) The final report promised by him is being awaited.

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(*c*) The Land Revenue Commissioner was asked to consider the suggestions made by the members in submitting his report referred to in parts (*a*) and (*b*). In regard to repair of flood damages to roads and culverts, the damages have been repaired.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (*a*) of the answer, may I know what further information was required from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner as regards the damages caused to the *Punja* cultivation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The remission of tax, if any that should be allowed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has recommended any remission of tax?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is that that is under correspondence between him and the Peishkar.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what was contained in the interim report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The interim report was about the area affected and the general nature of the damage.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was there any suggestion in that report as to how the poor cultivators should be relieved from their present condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is under correspondence with the Peishkars.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there was any suggestion in the so-called interim report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue Commissioner has stated thus in his report:

> "In respect of the fields which were not harvested, the Tahsildar has recommended the remission of tax for this year. He also recommended the grant of more agricultural loans to the aggrieved ryots to help them in cultivating their lands for the next season. I have called for definite proposals from the Dewan Peishkars of Quilon and Kottayam as to what reliefs should be granted to the ryots concerned. I have not yet received their reports."

MR. A. S. DMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that those suggestions were made by the Tahsildars direct to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. They were of course made through the Peishkar.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the reports were not sent to Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government get recommendations only from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner. The reports of the Tahsildars and the Dewan Peishkars are sometimes sent to Government as enclosures. Sometimes they are not.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know when the Land Revenue Commissioner wrote to the Dewan Peishkars calling for further suggestions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : On the 18th July 1929, the Land Revenue Commissioner reported that he had written to the Peishkars. I do not know when he wrote to the Peishkars.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner has received any recommendations from the Peishkars?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not know. Government have not received the final report from the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner. They are not aware whether the Peishkars have sent their reports to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : In part (c) of the answer, it is stated that "in regard to the repair of flood damages to roads and culverts the damages have been repaired". May I know whether the Government are aware that at the discussion which took place on the 21st Karkatakam 1104, it was definitely stated that owing to the breaches that had occurred to certain *chiras*, the cultivators suffered great damage and that they were unable to proceed with cultivation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may be.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether anything has been done for the repair of those *chiras*?

MR. T. P. RAMA SUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Report is about roads and culverts. If the member wants information regarding *chiras* it will have to be obtained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I know that the information laid on the table is only with regard to roads and culverts. I wish to know whether Government have cared to relieve the poor agriculturists from the loss and sufferings caused to them by the floods by improving *chiras*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information has to be called for from the Chief Engineer. It is not before the Government now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether the breaches of the *chiras* near Cherukol Nelpura and in Thottakkonanan muri have been repaired?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The names will be noted and the Chief Engineer will be asked.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether any arrangements have been made for advancing agricultural loans to the poor cultivators?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is being regularly done. The Land Revenue Commissioner has the power to advance agricultural loans up to Rs. 5,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government have got any information now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information, because only loans above Rs. 5,000 come up to Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated that the Land Revenue Commissioner's final report is awaited.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is about remission.

PRESIDENT: You ought to know, Mr. Damodaran Asan, that every year an allotment is provided for agricultural loans. When there are demands, these loans are issued by the Commissioner. Have you any information that in any particular case the prayer for a loan has not been granted for want of money?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, may I know whether, in view of the fact that the ryots suffered considerable loss, Government have taken any steps to advance agricultural loans to them? I know, Sir, many applicants have not received loans.

PRESIDENT: Then bring those cases specifically to the notice of the Government.

Circular re entertainment of acting hands in the Education Department.

36. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the present policy of the Vernacular Branch of the Education Department, that the acting hands should be exclusively given preference to others in the matter of appointments, affects adversely the claims of backward communities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Persons who have already acted have better claims than those who have not acted even though the latter belong to backward communities.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അക്ടിംഗ് നോക്കിയവരെ എല്ലാപേരേയും ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ നിയമിച്ചതിനു ശേഷം മാത്രമേ അസമതാ സമുദായത്തിൽപ്പെട്ടവരെ ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങളിൽ പ്രവേശിപ്പിക്കാൻ പാടൊള്ളു എന്നാണോ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): പകരം ജോലി നോക്കിയവരുടെ അവകാശത്തെ വിസ്മരിക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലെന്നാണു ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

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